

Several important distribution discoveries of arid-country birds were first made known by Ivan. One striking example was the Banded White-face, which was first brought to light as a new species by the Horn Expedition to Central Australia in 1894. It was not known to be in Western Australia until the late Otto Lipfert collected specimens along the Canning Stock Route in 1930-31. Then we were all surprised to be told by Ivan that it actually occurred much further west, to the junction of the Lyons and Gascoyne Rivers. Subsequently Michael Brooker extended the limits even further westwards, to Callagiddy Station, not far from Carnarvon. Ivan also provided notable new information on the nomadism of the White-browed Wood-Swallow. Before his observations, in 1964, about the only previous knowledge of the occurrence of the species in this State was F. Lawson Whitlock's record as far back as 1909 in the Wiluna area. Ivan observed local nesting, including the occurrence of a hybrid with the Masked Wood-Swallow, in the Yalgoo-Paynes Find area. He was also the first to record the occurrence of the Elegant Parrot in the North-West—at Woodlands Station in the Gascoyne in 1955, then the northern known limit of the radial expansion of the species, and which has since extended to the Fortescue.

One of his outstanding discoveries was his recognition of a distinct short-billed population of the White-tailed Black Cockatoo. He hinted at its being an undescribed race in his article on Lake Grace birds, published in the *Emu* in 1933 but was advised to eliminate the formal description he had intended. In 1948, with more material available, he named this as *Calyptorhynchus baudinii latirostris*. Recent work by Denis Saunders of CSIRO indicates that this form is quite distinct and may have to be elevated to full species status.

A list of the bird articles by Ivan Carnaby, to 1950, is given in Major Whittell's *The Literature of Australian Birds*, 1954, p. 117. Those published subsequently are:

Nesting Seasons of Western Australian Birds. *W.A. Nat.*, 4 (7), 1954: 149-156.

"Clifton Downs" as a collecting locality for birds. *W.A. Nat.*, 4 (7), 1954: 172.

The White-browed Wood-Swallow in Western Australia. *The Emu*, 65 (1), 1965: 74.

Records by him are also given in articles published by other authors, including P. J. Fuller, R. E. Johnstone, J. R. Ford, and in the *Birds of Western Australia* (Serventy and Whittell, 5th edn.).

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CORRECTION

In the previous number (Vol. 14, No. 2, p. 55), in the item "The Little Shearwater on St. Alouarn Island, W.A." by S. G. Lane a line has been duplicated and a line dropped. In paragraph 3 line 7 should read: "examined and nearly all showed evidence of recent attention. Fresh foot—"